

Service Date: June 4, 1981

FINAL ORDER NO.4750a

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) DOCKET NO. 81.1.4
the Town of Stanford to increase)
water rates.) ORDER NO. 4750a

APPEARANCES

FOR THE APPLICANT:

Jack McLean, Acting City Attorney, Stanford, MT 59479

FOR THE PROTESTANTS:

None

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Robert F. W. Smith, Staff Attorney, 1227 11th Avenue, Helena,
MT 59620

BEFORE:

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner
THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

The Commission, having taken evidence and being fully advised in
the premises, makes the following findings, conclusions, and
order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 14, 1981, the Town of Stanford (Applicant) filed
its application requesting that the Montana Public Service
Commission approve a schedule of increased rates for water

service, to yield approximately \$17,000 in additional revenues annually. Concurrent with the filing of the permanent application, the Town filed for interim rate relief in the amount of \$17,000, which was granted by this Commission on February 17, 1981. Anticipating protests, the City requested that this matter be set immediately for hearing. The Commission held a hearing on April 21, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall, Stanford, Montana.

2. At the April 21, 1981 hearing, one witness appeared: Mayor Thomas E. Nau

3. Mayor Nau introduced 4 exhibits that elucidated the application. He explained that \$11,000 of the increase is needed to repay bonds sold to provide money to repair the town's water tower, which is leaking badly. The remaining \$6,000 will pay increased costs of operation, extend lines, and pay for new pump controls. The Commission finds these to be reasonable expenses.

4. No Protestants appeared.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercised jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to this proceeding.

2. The Commission gave all interested persons notice and an opportunity to participate in this proceeding.

3. The rates approved herein are reasonable and just.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, at a session of the Public Service Commission, Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, held in its offices at 1227 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana, on the 1st day of June, 1981, there being present a quorum of commissioners, there came regularly before the Commission for final action the matters and things in Docket No. 81.1.4, and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED by the Commission that the application of the Town of Stanford to increase water rates IS HEREBY APPROVED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a full, true and correct copy of this order be sent forthwith to the applicant and to all other appearances herein by first class United States mail.

THE FOREGOING ORDER was adopted by the Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, Public Service Commission.

IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 1st day of June, 1981. 1981, by a vote of 3-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.